

Dear Reader

Honoring our 2022 awardees and scholarship winners, **DRC** held our **46th Annual Awards Recognition Event, "Celebrating You in 2022,"** on July 28, 2022, at **The Grand Event Center**, Long Beach. **Heather Schmoll, Board President/Event Chair; Dolores Nason, Executive Director; and Dave Sanfilippo, Emcee,** welcomed more than 150 enthusiastic attendees to the **Center's** first in-person **Event** since the pandemic.

There was such a joy in the room that it was hard to put into words. Everyone was so happy to be able to hug or shake hands again in person, after three years of pandemic social distancing. Almost all of our regulars were there.

Award honorees included: **Access Services LA, Civic Leadership Award,** accepted by **Executive Director Andre Colaiace; Robert H. Murphy, Community Service Award,** accepted posthumously by **Bob's** niece, **Susie Morse;** and **Myrna Cabanban, Jerry Stein Independent Living Award.** Scholarship recipients included: **Mareo-Ahmir Lawson, Outstanding Military Veteran Scholarship; Jennifer Chamreun and Shayna Guerra, Long Beach City College;** and **Claryssa Garcia-Limen and Kambria O'Donnell, California State University Long Beach.**

For the first time, we had a **Diamond Level Sponsor, Molina Healthcare.** Other Sponsors were: **Gold: Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th Dist., Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, 1st Dist.;** **Platinum: Union Bank; Silver: LA Metro, Long**

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Rev. Alidor Mikobi delivered a beautiful Invocation. Board Members in attendance included: **Robert Graves and family, Jennifer Kumiyama, Gail Morrison, Heather Van Wijk.**

Elected officials and their representatives in attendance included: **Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th Dist., LA County Board of Supervisors,** represented by **Herlinda Chico; Congressman Alan Lowenthal, 47th Dist.,** represented by **Bobbi Mendoza; Senator Lena Gonzalez, 33rd Dist.,** represented by **Jacob O'Donnell; Assemblyman Mike Gipson, 64th Dist.,** represented by **Bryan Martinez; Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell, 70th Dist.,** represented by **Shane Weaver; Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, 1st Dist.; Councilwoman Cindy Allen, 2nd Dist.,** represented by **Aliah Reza Khan; Councilman Daryl Supernaw, 4th Dist.; Councilman Al Austin, 8th Dist.,** represented by **Von Thompson.**



Dolores Nason
Executive Director



Mission Statement:

To empower people with disabilities to live independent in the community, to make their own decisions about their lives and advocate in their own behalf.

Remembering the DRC 46th Annual Awards Event



Disabled Resources Center, Inc. would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who attended our 46th Annual Awards Event. This was one of our biggest and most successful event because of your support. We are a non-profit agency that helps the Disabled Community and Seniors be independent. There is no way we can do this alone. We need your support to help us save lives. For that reason all of the staff here at DRC are very grateful that you are all part of our family and know that we can count on you in a time of need. Thank you for all your contributions and support once again.

Please help us reach our goal of **\$10,000** and give kids a chance. Please donate to **LONG BEACH GIVES**

Long Beach Gives

Long Beach Gives is hosting their annual online giving event on **Thursday, September 22, 2022**, providing an easy and fun way for the entire community to give together. It provides Long Beach nonprofits with the opportunity to gain exposure and gain relationships with new donors.

Your gift during Long Beach Gives will enable DRC to provide crucial Independent Living training to **Transitional Youth, ages 14 to 24**, some of whom are just coming out of foster care and are not prepared for life.

Your **donation gives kids a chance to keep them from becoming homeless**. Early giving begins **Thursday, September 15, 2022**, online through **September 22, at:**

https://www.longbeachgives.org/index.php?section=organizations&action=newDonation_org&fwID=10619

You can also mail a **check to DRC** and be counted towards our **\$10,000 goal**. Our address is: **Disabled Resources Center, Inc., 2750 East Spring Street, Suite 100, Long Beach, CA 90806**. Thank you for your donation and participation in this important day of giving.



Come to DRC and cast your vote on the new **Ballot Marketing Device (BMD)**, or drop off your **Absentee Ballot on Monday, October 31, 2022, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM**.



Important Announcement

Attention everyone!
In order to help more people, we will no longer be sending out our quarterly newsletter, by postal mail. Instead we will send it out electronically through email. You can sign up at our website www.drcinc.org to receive a free copy of our quarterly newsletter. Thank you

Board-Member **Jennifer Kumiyama**, DRC Staff **Richard** and **Lupe** doing an outreach at Tichenor Children's Clinic.



46th ANNUAL AWARDS RECOGNITION EVENT CONTRIBUTORS AND SUPPORTERS

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Calendar of Events

ONGOING EVENTS

- ***WEEKLY GROUP ORIENTATION** for new consumers
Every WEDNESDAY @9:30am
- ***HOUSING WORKSHOP** every FRIDAY @9am
- ***SMART DEVICES WORKSHOP** every 3RD
WEDNESDAY of each MONTH @1pm
- ***EMPLOYMENT SERVICES JOB SEARCH EVERY**
2nd MONDAY of each MONTH @9am
- ***MEN'S, WOMEN'S, and CO-ED SUPPORT**
GROUPS Every WEDNESDAY @1pm
- ***COMPUTER CLASSES WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY**
@9:30am or 1:30pm



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- 10/11—NDEAM Event at LB City Hall
- 10/12—Mental Health Workshop: Familial Violence
- 10/14—DRC Advocacy Group meeting @ 2:30 p.m.
- 10/17—Access Services Board of Directors Meeting
- 10/18—DRC Toastmasters Gavel Club
- 10/26—Mental Health Workshop: Child Abuse
- 10/24—Access Services Board Operations Committee
- 10/27—DRC Board of Directors Meeting
- 10/27—Site visit, Congressman Alan Lowenthal,
47th District
- 10/27—CFILC Statewide Meeting
- 10/31—Happy Halloween Day
- 10/31—Flex Vote Center at DRC for General Election



NOVEMBER 2021

- No DRC Board of Directors Meeting this month
- 11/6—Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11/7—PASC Board meeting @ 1 p.m.
- 11/8—Election Day (Go out and vote)
- 11/9—Mental Health Workshop: Immigration, Adaptation,
and Resilience
- 11/11—**Veterans Day Holiday (Center Closed)**
- 11/11—No DRC Advocacy Group meeting
- 11/14—Access Services External Stakeholder Relations
Committee Meeting
- 11/18—DRC Toastmasters Gavel Club
- 11/24—**Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Center Closed)**
- 11/25—**Day After Thanksgiving Day Holiday (Center Closed)**



SEPTEMBER 2021

- 9/5—**Labor Day Holiday (Center Closed)**
- 9/8—Access Services Board of Directors Meeting
- 9/9—DRC Advocacy Group meeting @ 2:30 p.m.
- 9/12—PASC Board ZOOM meeting @ 1 p.m.
- 9/14—Mental Health Workshop: Childhood Disorders
- 9/14—Lutheran Social Services "Emergency Preparedness
Awareness"
- 9/15—Early Giving for Long Beach Gives virtual fund raising
event
- 9/19—Access Services External Stakeholder Relations
Committee Meeting
- 9/21—County Supervisor Janice Hahn 4th District
Commissioners Reception
- 9/22—Bob Murphy Access Center @ CSULB "Emergency
Evacuation Training"
- 9/22—Long Beach Gives virtual fundraising event
- 9/22—DRC Board of Directors (Virtual meeting)
- 9/23—DRC Toastmasters Gavel Club
- 9/28—Mental Health Workshop: Drugs @ Alcohol
- 9/28—City of LB Emergency team-"DAFN Emergency
Preparedness and Considerations"
- 9/30—**DRC Staff Retreat (Center Closed)**



OCTOBER 2021

Note: 10/2022 is National Disability Employment Awareness
Month (NDEAM)

- 10/3—PASC Board ZOOM meeting @ 1 p.m.